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SUBJECT: VOLUNTEER AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL TEAM FOR GUAM

REF: A) CANBERRA 2766; B) STATE 103959

1. NO FURTHER PROGRESS HAS TAKEN PLACE REGARDING DESPATCH OF VOLUNTEER AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL TEAM FOR GUAM SINCE SUBMISSION OF REF A. PROBLEM IS TO ARRANGE FOR ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION, SINCE USAF FACILITIES NOT RPT NOT AVAILABLE (REF B). DFA HAS INFORMED US IT HAS RECOMMENDED AGAINST PROVISION OF ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT, SINCE NO RPT NO COMPELLING CASE HAD BEEN MADE FOR PRESENCE OF VOLUNTEER AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL TEAM IN GUAM. WE HAVE GIVEN DFA SUBSTANCE OF REF B, BUT THIS IS EVIDENTLY NOT RPT NOT CONSIDERED COMPELLING CASE.

2. MICHAEL DARBY, ONE OF TEAM PROMOTERS IN SYDNEY, TOLD EM-BASSY MAY 7 THAT TWO MEDICAL PERSONNEL COULD LEAVE FOR GUAM MAY 8, TRAVELLING BY COMMERCIAL FLIGHT TO MANILA. HE ASKED IF USAF TRANSPORTATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM CLARK TO GUAM. DR. JOHN TAYLOR, GENERAL PRACTITIONER, AND MISS SHELIA COOLICAN, EXPERIENCED NURSE, WOULD BE READY TO GO TO GUAM. TAYLOR IS AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN, AND COOLICAN IS IRISH CITIZEN RESIDENT IN AUSTRALIA. THEY DO NOT NEED PHILIPPINE VISAS FOR

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STAY OF 21 DAYS OR LESS IN PHILS (INCLUDING TRANSIT) AND

WILL HAVE A U.S. VISA FOR GUAM.

3. BELIEVE TWO QUESTIONS NEED TO BE ANSWERED FRANKLY,
IN INTEREST OF SENDING AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO
GUAM OR OF CLOSING OUT THIS GENEROUSLY-MOTIVATED PROJECT:

1) ARE AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL PERSONNEL, EITHER A FEW
INDIVIDUALS OR AN INTEGRATED MEDICAL TEAM, NEEDED
IN GUAM, OR WILL THEY SIMPLY BE IN THE WAY AND RE-
QUIRE MORE SUPPORT THAN SITUATION JUSTIFIES?

2) ON ASSUMPTION THAT AUSTRALIANS ARE REALLY NEEDED,
CAN USAF PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FROM CLARK AFB TO
GUAM?

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPT PROVIDE ANSWERS TO ABOVE
QUESTIONS SOONEST.

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